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1. FONMIN (HERPELS) CONFIRMED CONTENTS PARA ONE OF REFTEL REGARDING DETAILS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL AND NOTED THAT GOB VERY SUSPICIOUS OF ENTIRE IDEA. READING FROM AN INTERNAL FONMIN DOCUMENT, SHE STATED THAT GOB SUSPECTS THAT (A) THE "BIG THREE" (BRITAIN, GERMANY AND FRANCE) WOULD DOMINATE THE NEW ORGANIZATION; (B) THE SMALL COUNTRIES, MORE DEPENDENT UPON IMPORTS, WOULD PAY A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COSTS; (C) THE EXISTING COMMUNITY ORGANS SUCH AS EURATOM AND COAL AND STEEL WOULD BE ROBBED OF SUBSTANTIAL RAISON D'ETRE AND;
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(D) WHILE THE GOF IS PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW

ORGANIZATION BEHIND A FACADE OF THE EC IT WOULD, IN FACT, BE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL (DES NATIONS) RATHER THAN EUROPEAN-CUMMUNITY (COMMUNAUTAIRE).

2. COMMENTING IN A MORE GENERAL VEIN ON THE ENERGY SITUATION OF THE NINE, HERPELS NOTED THAT INTRA-EC PROPOSALS ARE INCREASINGLY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND NOT EUROPEAN-COMMUNITY. SHE ATTRIBUTES THIS CHANGE TO THE BRITISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC AND THE BRITISH BELIEF IN THE TYPE OF A COMMUNITY ENVISIONED BY DE GAULLE. HERPELS WONDERED ALOUD, WHETHER THE INCREASING TENDENCY OF THE US TO DEAL BILATERALLY WITH GERMANY RATHER THAN THROUGH EC ORGANS DID NOT ENCOURAGE THE DIVISIVE FORCES IN EUROPE. (EMBOFF QUESTIONED VALIDITY OF THIS STATEMENT. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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